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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 03/17/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/10/07
Broiler/fryer	161,099	159,281
Light hens	1,315	1,300
Heavy hens	1,257	1,382

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	WEEK ENDING 10-Mar-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	165	0	165
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	283	0	283
Same week yr ago	171	0	171
To-date/2007	2,073	14	2,087
To-date/2006	2,619	7	2,626

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,347	1,356	2,703
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,368	1,465	2,833
Same week yr ago	1,148	1,580	2,728
To-date/2007	13,075	13,737	26,812
To-date/2006	15,133	14,223	29,356

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 10-Mar-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	161,346	1,182	1,356	2,538
Avg Wt	5.43	3.16	7.76	5.62
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	160,025	1,085	1,465	2,550
Same wk yr ago	160,615	977	1,580	2,557
Avg Wt	5.32	3.36	7.75	6.07
To-date/2007	1,557,568	11,002	13,723	24,725
To-date/2006	1,602,358	12,514	14,216	26,730

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.3 million head, or 1.3 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 10-Mar-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	41,052	84,393	25,023	10,878	161,346
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.37	6.94	8.37	5.43
% of total /1	25%	52%	16%	7%	100%
Last week	46,238	82,757	15,903	15,127	160,025
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.46	7.03	8.22	5.37
% of total /1	29%	52%	10%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	46,055	78,974	23,391	12,195	160,615
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.36	6.96	8.13	5.32
% of total /1	29%	49%	15%	8%	100%
To date/2007	424,800	825,808	190,890	116,070	1,557,568
To date/2006	451,109	768,749	253,757	146,743	1,601,358

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 10-Mar-07  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,801	2,670	22	4	4,497
Avg Wt	16.66	37.21	25.21	28.65	28.91
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,688	2,423	18	12	4,141
Same wk yr ago	2,001	2,376	34	10	4,421
Avg Wt	17.77	37.64	25.75	31.51	28.36
To-date/2007	17,725	24,948	141	44	42,858
To-date/2006	16,743	24,487	219	42	41,491

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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